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Markup: Katrina “Lessons Learned” Legislation

WHO: Committee on Homeland Security
Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY)

WHEN: 10a.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2006

WHERE: 311 Cannon HOB

BACKGROUND

Chairman Peter T. King will convene a Full Committee markup to consider H.R. 5351, the “National Emergency Management Reform and Enhancement Act of 2006.” This bipartisan bill addresses the reform of existing emergency management practices and the implementation of lessons learned in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Specifically, the “National Emergency Management Reform and Enhancement Act” considers: improving national disaster response, enhancing the DHS’ coordination with State, local and tribal governments, first responders and other stakeholders, and enhancing prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse.

If approved by the committee, this bill will be referred to the full House for consideration.

The legislation is being sponsored by Chairman Peter T. King (R-NY), Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS), Reps. Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, and Reps. Michael McCaul (R-TX) and Bob Etheridge (D-NC), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Investigations

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